

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW (07/28/2009)

Participants

Examiner: Vanessa Ford

Representatives for Applicants: Dr. Christopher Knight, Dr. Julia Dibner, Jennifer Wagner, Kate Doty, and Morgan Kirley.

Date and Location

Telephonic interview on July 28, 2009.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Claims Discussed

Claims of record.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Prior art of record.

Proposed Amendments

None.

Summary of Issues Discussed

The Applicants discussed the unexpected result and surprising discovery of the presently claimed invention. In particular, the Applicants discussed how the claimed invention requires isolation of a “viable” oocyst. At the time of filing, a hydrocyclone provided no reasonable expectation of success for isolation of a “viable” oocyst due to the extreme sheer forces applied by the hydrocyclone. The Office Action’s citation of Conkle *et al.* for the purpose of eliminating potassium dichromate provides no reason to isolate an oocyst with a hydrocyclone because potassium dichromate is used for its biostatic/oxidizing ability – potassium dichromate is not directed to separation and not related to hydrocyclones.

Results of Interview

The Examiner agreed to consider the declaration to be submitted by the Applicants.